

NewsRelease

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Langley Research Center
Hampton, Virginia 23681-2199



Kimberly W. Land
(Phone 757/864-9885, 757/344-8611 mobile)
k.w.land@larc.nasa.gov

Jan. 30, 2003

RELEASE NO. 03-008

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AMERICA DURING THE FIRST CENTURY OF FLIGHT

The last 100 years of powered human flight brought about a dramatic transformation to the world around us, from both the civil and military impact of flight. Today, aviation is essential to the way of life in the United States: economically, socially and culturally.

Dr. Richard Hallion, historian for Air Force Special Programs, U.S. Air Force, will speak on "America and The First Century of Flight" at a colloquium at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, at NASA Langley's H.J.E. Reid Conference Center.

Media Briefing: A media briefing will be held at 1:15 p.m. at the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd., at NASA Langley Research Center. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Kimberly W. Land at (757) 864-9885 or 344-8611 (mobile) for credentials.

Hallion will explore the invention of flight, give an overview of the role the United States played in the advancement of flight, and take a look at the great challenges we face today as we enter the second century of powered flight.

Before working in Special Programs for the Air Force, Hallion was the Air Force historian for over ten years and was responsible for directing the worldwide Air Force historical and museum programs. He has served as a curator at the National Air and Space Museum and professor at several universities, as well as other historian roles with the Air Force. Hallion has flown a range of military and civilian fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. Also, he is the author of 15 books on aerospace history.

In 1970, Hallion received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Maryland and a doctoral degree in aviation history from University of Maryland in 1975. He attended the Federal Executive Institute and completed the National Security Studies Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

-end-